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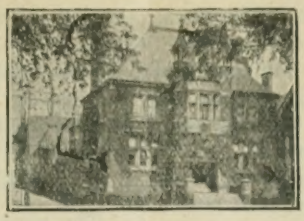

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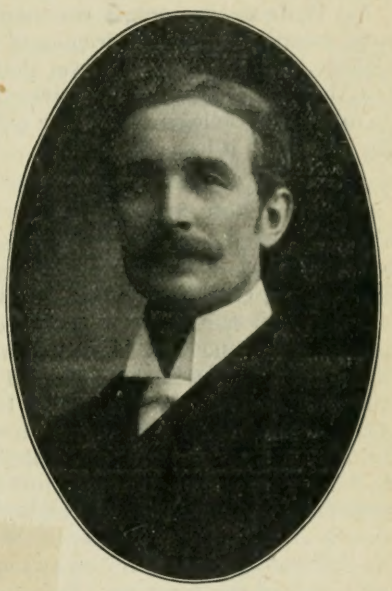
Change of Name.

In future the Toronto Bible Training School will be known as the "Toronto Bible College." This change was decided upon at a joint meeting of the Board of Incorporation and the General Council some months ago.

There are several reasons why the change of name is desirable. Chief amongst them is the fact that many of our friends have found the old name conveyed a wrong impression as to the scope of our work. It was supposed that we were merely a missionary training institute to prepare workers for the foreign field, consequently those who had no thought of devoting their lives to that department of service were not attracted to the School. While we take great pleasure in the fact that 130 of our students have gone to the foreign field, a much larger number have devoted their lives to spheres of service at home, and it is the purpose of the College to so train young men and women from all the churches in the knowledge and use of the English Bible that they will be useful workers in the cause of Christ wherever they are found. Further the scope of the course of study has been extended to cover three years, and is of such a character as to bring its work fully on to a Collegiate standing.



The New Secretary.

For more than two years Dr. William Stewart has been strongly desirous of retiring from his duties as Secretary of the Toronto Bible College. His age and infirmity had so impaired his health that he felt the time had fully come when he must seek for rest from the further discharge of active duties. The attention of the Council of the College having been turned to Rev. T. Bradley Hyde, formerly pastor of the Northern Congregational Church of this city, several meetings were held to confer with

him in regard to the services he might render to the College. The whole situation was canvassed and considered, when it was found that the man and the place were eminently adapted for each other. Mr. Hyde's acquaintance with Mr. Moody, his training in the Northfield Schools, his pastorate of the Moody Church in Chicago, and his intimate knowledge and entire sympathy with Mr. Moody's views and methods, all plainly point him out as eminently gifted for the position of Secretary, so that he has been unanimously selected for that position, and entered on the work with a strong desire to be the means of making the Toronto Bible College a greater blessing than before.

Mr. Hyde is accordingly commended most heartily to all the friends of the College, with the earnest prayer that he and they will co-operate in active effort to make the College a mightier power for good than it has ever been.

Rev. Wm. Stewart, D.D.

After seventeen years of most valuable service given to the Bible Training School, Dr. Stewart retires to a well earned rest. He has been actively connected with the institution from its foundation. He was its Principal for the first twelve years, taking a large share of the work of instruction and exercising the oversight of all departments. Five years ago he resigned that position and took up the responsible duties of the office of Secretary, while he still continued to carry on an important part of the teaching. It is to his wise counsel and careful administration that is largely due the success which has attended the work of the Toronto Bible Training School in the past. In May, 1909, a gathering took place in the Assembly Hall to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Dr. Stewart's ordination to the ministry. The alumni and friends of the School were represented, and public recognition was made of the great services which Dr. Stewart has rendered to the cause of Biblical instruction. While he is now relieved from the active duties of the office of Secretary, he is still a member of the Board and will give his successor, Rev. T Bradley Hyde, the benefit of his experience and counsel. We trust he may be spared for many years to share in the work he loves so well.

The Eighteenth Session.

The work of the new session is proceeding with every sign of encouragement. The attendance of students has been maintained and increased since the opening of the session on Sept. 19th. The classes are as large as they have ever been. Over 180 students have been enrolled in both day and evening classes. The place of Dr. Harris, who is absent in the East, is being taken in the teaching department by Rev. Prof. Griffith Thomas, of Wycliffe College, and Rev. F. S. Weston, of Immanuel Baptist Church, who are lecturing on Genesis and Romans respectively. New topics of study have been introduced, and more importance is being given to vocal music. A spirit of earnest devotion pervades the life and fellowship of the student body, and the blessing of God continues to rest on the whole work.

Lectures on Genesis.

The course of lectures on Genesis by Prof. Griffith Thomas, D.D., is a masterly treatment of a difficult subject, as he is dealing with questions on which modern criticism has caused much confusion.

It is a great advantage to have a scholar of such high rank lead the students through this portion of Scripture, and assure their faith in the Divine authority and purpose of its contents. A number of visitors are attending this course.

Visitors.

We were favored by the presence of two eminent workers during the past month, who gave inspiring addresses to the students, Rev. Chas. Inglis, of London, England, and Mr. Montague Beauchamp, of China.

Mr. Beauchamp was one of the famous Cambridge band, who went to the foreign field as the result of Mr. Moody's work in England in 1884. It may be said that in an important sense this band was the originator of the great Student Volunteer Movement.

Library.

We are indebted to Mr. Fleming H. Revell, of New York, for sending us thirty volumes on missionary topics, which are much needed and greatly appreciated. We would be pleased to have some other friend send us a like contribution on Biblical topics. Our library needs continually to grow to meet the needs of our expanding work.

Session Notes.

Mr. F. W. E. Story is chairman of the Student Executive Committee and Miss Cale is Secretary. The two departments of practical work are under the leadership of Mr. Oswald J. Smith, President of the Evangelistic Society, and Miss Olla Hughes, President of the Missionary Society.

The Missionary Society has organized four mission study classes among the students, one of which is taking up Dr. Mott's "Decisive Hour of Christian Missions," the book which is perhaps most widely occupying the attention of the church at the present time.

A union social was held by the Day and Evening classes on Nov. 8th, and a very delightful evening was spent together in the Assembly Hall.

Evangelistic Work.

One of the marked features of the present session is the aggressive work carried on by the Evangelistic Band. This work has assumed a new importance. The Band has more requests for work than it can overtake. The students have thrown themselves into the work with new zeal and enthusiasm, and are learning to become "channels only," to realize that they are simply instruments, through which, when consecrated, the blessings of God flow to sin-stricken men and women with whom they come in contact.

Considerable change has been made in the plan of work this term. In former years the Band simply conducted Gospel services at random all over the city, but as it was frequently impossible to follow up the work, it has been decided this year to concentrate their efforts on three or four missions only, and thus centralize the work. They now conduct Gospel meetings as follows: On the third Sunday of each month at Sackville Street mission, and on Monday, Thursday and Friday evenings each week in Yonge St., Sackville St. and Laplante Ave. missions respectively.

Special emphasis is being laid this term on singing. There is considerable talent along this line among the students, and by solos, quartettes, and other combinations, they seek to make the meetings as bright, cheerful and attractive as possible.

Visiting is also an important feature in the work of the students. Not only do they visit the hospital from week to week, but house to house visitation is also carried on, thus making it possible to follow up their efforts. The members of the Band at the present time are actively engaged in personal work in the special meetings which are being conducted in the Strand Theatre each Sunday evening under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A.

Alumni Notes.

Rev. John Leckie ('97), lately of Forest, Ont., has accepted a call to Leamington, and has begun his pastoral work there.

Rev. W. J. Hanna ('99) and Mrs. Hanna ('97), have returned to China. Their address is care of the C. I. M., Yunnanfu, via Tongking. Mr. and Mrs. Hanna have enriched our missionary collection with the gift of several valuable curios, among which are the complete outfit of an opium smoker.

Mr. Henry Hellyer ('03) is taking a further course of study at Princeton, N.J., in preparation for the ministry. He has recently published a little book giving an account of his conversion to Christianity, called "From the Rabbis to Christ," in which he seeks to show how the Jew may best be reached with the Gospel.

Rev. C. J. Loney has been called from Stouffville to Immanuel Church, Brantford.

Miss Sarah Haslett ('07) is now nursing in the City Hospital, Salem, Mass.

Miss Nellie Houlding ('08) is attending the Hamilton Normal School, and is President of the Y.W.C.A. of that Institution.

Miss C. Shuttleworth, of last year's class, is Secretary of the Y.W.C.A. at Peterborough.

Mr. Fred R. Vine is engaged in pastoral work at Fort Francis.

Miss E. S. Frost ('11) is nursing in the Presbyterian Hospital, New York.

Miss Tien Wu ('11) is assistant matron in the Home for Chinese girls in San Francisco.

Several members of last year's class are pursuing a further course of study. Mr. Isaac Epb is studying medicine in Toronto, Mr. Butler and Mr. Boddy are taking up theological work, the former in Louisville, Ky., and the latter in Toronto. Mr. F. W. E. Story spent the summer at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, and has returned to take his third year in the Bible College.

Weddings.

On June 14th, Mr. R. J. Cober ('11) was united in marriage to Miss Conner, at Victoria Square. Mr. and Mrs. Cober have taken up house at 467 Church St.

On June 28th, Miss Mary Taylor ('11) was married at Belgrave to Mr. W. J. Taylor, a student of Knox College.

On the same day, in the Assembly Hall of the Bible College, Miss Emily E. Sprague ('11) was married to Mr. Herbert L. Troyer ('06), Educational Secretary of the Canadian Colleges' Mission. The ceremony was performed before a large company of friends by Rev. John McNicol, assisted by Rev. Dr. Stewart. Mr. and Mrs. Troyer are living at 526 Lansdowne Ave.

On September 20th, a double wedding took place in St. Enoch's Church, Toronto. Miss Bessie Moore was married to Mr. J. W. Hisey, by the Rev. W. B. Findlay, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Stewart; and her sister, Miss Myrtle Moore ('09) was married to Mr. Duncan McDonald ('11), by the Rev. John McNicol, assisted by Rev. Dr. Buchanan, of India. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald left Toronto on October 12th for their field of service in Central India. Their address will be Bhabra P.O., via Dohad, Panch Ma Hals, India. Mr. and Mrs. Hisey will continue their studies in the Bible College.

On Nov. 6th, at Oberlin, Ohio, Miss Harriman was married to Mr. Frank Blain ('11), by Rev. Prof. Hutchins, of Oberlin College. Mr. Blain is the Inspector and Agent of the Childrens' Aid Society for the Thunder Bay District of Ontario. His home is in Fort William.

We extend to all these young people on behalf of the friends of the College our heartiest good wishes.

Missionaries.

During the past autumn six former students have sailed for the foreign field.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McDonald, who have been appointed by the Foreign Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church to work in Central India, sailed from Montreal on October 13th. They were followed a week later by Miss Emily A. Clark, who goes to labor in Northern Nigeria, under the Sudan Interior Mission. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Rist sailed from Vancouver on Nov. 15th for service in China under the China Inland

Mission. Dr. Edward S. Fish, who was also appointed by the same Mission, sailed two weeks later. Mr. L. B. Steckley, who was appointed by the Mennonite Board last spring, left for South Africa during the summer, and Mr. D. J. Storms, who has been accepted by the same Board, expects to set out very soon for his field in Turkey.

Finances.

For the first time in the history of the College, the income of last year was not sufficient to meet the expenditure. The extra amount needed is not large, about $500.00, and we trust that the friends who appreciate what this Institution is doing in training Young people for Christian Service, will provide for this deficit, as well as continue their usual gifts. Address all remittances to the Treasurer, Mr. J. N. Shenstone, 110 College St., Toronto.

Valedictory.

[The following verses formed part of the valedictory address of Mr. Isaac Erb on April 28th, and are printed at the request of many who heard them then.]

We leave to-night these old familiar walls,
  But linger yet a moment ere we go;
We listen—"Follow me," the Spirit calls;
  We answer "Yes," though where we may not know.

Ere long we may be scattered far and wide,
  Through China's vast domain or far Japan,
Ere long we may have crossed the rolling tide
  To India's burning plain or dark Sudan.

But through the ever changing scenes of life,
  O'er sunny heights, through dark and lonely vales,
By pleasant paths or 'mid the battle's strife,
  When zeal is highest, or when courage fails,

One picture e'er on Memory's wall shall hang,
  One scene before our vision ne'er grow dim,
A scene where oft our Saviour's praises rang
  And where we met and daily learned of Him.

Twas there we feasted on the living Word,
  From there our humble prayers did oft ascend,
And notes of cheer and joy were often heard
  To brighten and to help some lonely friend

But as the son who leaves his cheery home,
  His mother's side, her kind and watchful care,
Though through this cold and cheerless world he roam
  Yet oft he thinks again of mother's prayer.

So we to-night at last must say good-bye
  To her beneath whose shelt'ring care we've been—
Our Alma Mater—linked by many a tie
  To sacred chambers of our hearts within.

We're loath to leave her, yet 'tis Duty's voice
  That calls on us to follow in her ways,
To linger not in paths of our own choice,
  But forth to face life's stern realities.

But if when burdened down by toil and care
  We faint and fall discouraged by the way,
Let us not think in dismal, dark despair
  "The cause of Christ has suffered shame to-day."

The shame lies not in that a man may fall,
  Or, like Elijah, hide his saddened face,
But when he pays no heed to Duty's call
  And is content to lie there—that's disgrace.

As soldiers of the Cross let us arise!
  Stand to our arms and quit ourselves like men!
"Go forth to all the world," our Leader cries,
  "And hold the fort until I come again."

Can Christ our Captain ever know defeat?
  Can Satan's army 'gainst His hosts prevail?
Was e'er His trumpet known to blow retreat?
  His presence 'mong His people known to fail?

But through the conflict let us ne'er forget
  The Spirit's Sword to wield, and wield it well,
Our trusted motto never slight, but "Let
  The Word of Christ within you richly dwell."

And to our colors let us e'er be true,
  That triple ribbon wave above the fight,
Their deepest meaning ever keep in view,
  And dare to stand for what we deem the right.

The Black portrays the deepest dye of sin,
  And Red the precious blood of Calvary,
While White sets forth the change of heart within,
  And typifies a life of purity.

But now the time has come to say farewell
  To friends whom we, perchance, shall see no more,
Until we meet in glory, there to dwell
  With Him whom now we worship and adore.

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NOTICE.

The work of the Bible College will close for the Christmas Vacation on Thursday Dec. 21st. and will be resumed on Thursday, Jan. 4th. The examinations for the present term will begin on the 13th of December.

Any young people who are considering the matter of Biblical training, or preparation for Christian service are invited to correspond with the Secretary Rev. T. Bradley Hyde, or the Principal, Rev. John McNicol, B. D. They will be glad to supply all needed information Students may enter at any time.

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